

OPENING OF SAN DIEGO EXPOSITION

On December 31st San Diego will open the first all-year exposition in history. The celebration will start at sunset, when the completed exposition will be opened to the public. The ceremonies of the early evening will take place on the Isthmus, where the concessionaries are planning special celebrations in each of the amusement places, and several bands will play at different parts of the grounds. The dancing girls will be out in full array, and the guards and attendants will be attired as caballeros and conquistadores.

At midnight the real opening will take place. Every light on the grounds will flash out at the moment when President Wilson pushes a key, formally opening the San Diego exposition, and starting the official celebration of the completion of the Panama canal. There will be a resounding salute from the guns on the ships in the harbor, a scream of whistles from every industrial plant in San Diego, and the general babel from the city as the New Year comes in. The bands at the exposition will unite in the national anthem, and immediately afterward the special festa and the riot of music, dance and confetti throwing will be on.

It is unlikely that there will be any limit to the celebration on New Year's morning. The more dignified proceedings of the opening consequently will not be held until the middle of the day. Governor Johnson has accepted an invitation to speak, and the leading officials of the exposition will address the visitors. In the different state and county buildings there will be formal exercises, with oratory playing a prominent part.

The exposition is now a bright array of brilliant colors, furnished by the beautiful flowers of Southern California. All along the Prado is a display of red bougainvilleas, while the Plaza de Panama is aglow with lovely purple bougainvilleas. The walls of the old Mission buildings are covered with a thick growth of roses, clematis and jasmine, climbing up to the towers and belfries. In the campaniles are great flocks of pigeons, so tame that they flutter down for food and alight on the shoulders of the attendants. Even the pea fowl which strut proudly on the lawns overhanging the canyons, and the fish in the lagoons are so tame that they come for food when they are called.

The orange orchard is rapidly approaching full bearing power; the trees of the model intensive farm are bearing peaches, apricots, pears, walnuts and cherries. The tea plantation from Ceylon is progressing well. At the north end of the Isthmus, the red population of the Painted Desert, the Indian village, is rapidly increasing. The adobe pueblos are complete, and on the sands in front of them the Indians are weaving rugs, blankets and baskets. There, the aborigines will hold their special New Year's celebration in full paint and feathers.

The Salt Lake Route is making adequate preparations for transporting visitors to this grand opening. A special train will leave Salt Lake City on the Salt Lake Route, departing in the evening of December 29th. Governor William Spry and other prominent state officials will be on board, together with members of the Utah-San Diego Exposition commission representative business men from Ogden, Provo, Salt Lake City and various parts of the state.

ANYTHING IN THAT LINE

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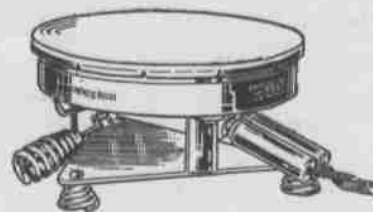
GAS-PIPE THERAPY GETS A SETBACK

Since the days of Perkin's Metallic Tractors, no medical fraud of the drugless type has enjoyed greater vogue or swindled more people than those devices we have facetiously referred to under the term "Gas-Pipe Therapy." There are many of the gas-pipe frauds on the market. The original was the "Electropoise," devised by one Hercules Sanche, who later elaborated his device and sold it under the name "Oxydonor," having in the meantime persuaded a not-too-exacting patent office to grant him patent rights on the egregious humbug. So profitable, apparently, did the sale of this piece of fakishness prove that many imitations appeared. First, the "Oxygenor," then, the "Oxygenator," the latter having its name changed later to the "Oxypathor." The "Oxytonor" and the "Oxybon" were still later modifications of the same scheme. Of these the Oxypathor (Oxygenator) has been the most extensively and elaborately exploited, and the extent to which the public has been defrauded has brought forth protests from various sources. The device itself consists essentially of a piece of nickel-plated tubing filled with inert material, sealed and having attached to each end a flexible cord with a garter-like attachment at the free ends. One garter is to be attached to the wrist and the other to the ankle of the person using the Oxypathor (Oxygenator). The gas-pipe itself is put in a bowl of cold water. According to the claims of the exploiters, the patient to whom the Oxypathor (Oxygenator) is attached, is made to absorb large quantities of oxygen through the skin. So absurdly fraudulent is the Oxypathor that the public in various parts of the world has been warned against it. The Australian government has debarred the thing from the Australian continent, while the committee appointed by the British parliament to investigate medical frauds reported:

"Much fraud is also successfully practiced by the advertisement and sale of appliances, as alleged cures for many ailments..... appliances alleged to supply oxygen (otherwise than by inspiration) such as the 'Oxydonor' and 'Oxygenator' are, of course, deliberate swindles, for the makers cannot be supposed to be as ignorant of chemistry and therapy as their victims."

Now comes word from Vermont that the United States government has successfully prosecuted E. L. Moses of Buffalo, N. Y., general manager of the Oxypathor concern. The trial, which

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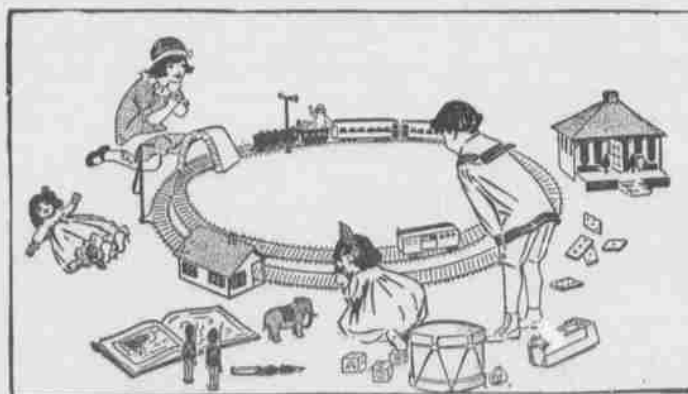
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